



# Village of Thomasboro

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## **SPRING & SUMMER COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER 2015**

### **THOMASBORO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NEWS**

The Thomasboro Fire Department continues to look for volunteers interested in serving their neighbors and community as firefighters. If you would like to be considered, please stop by the fire station on any Tuesday evening and pick up an application.

The next sausage and pancake breakfast will be Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> from 8:00am to noon. Daylight Savings Time also ends that day, so remember to change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

Fire Prevention Week will be October 4<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> this year.

### **VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS**

The regular board meetings of the Thomasboro Village Board are held the first Monday of each month, at 7:00 pm, at the Village Hall, located at 101 Main Street (Gifford State Bank Building). Visitors are always welcome.

### **ESDA LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER STORM SPOTTERS**

Our Emergency Services and Disaster Agency (ESDA) is looking for volunteers to become trained for storm spotting and assisting with other emergency situations. Training sessions take place monthly. Participants must be at least 18 years old and hold a valid driver's license. Experience is helpful, but not required. For more information, please contact ESDA Coordinator Laurel Zook at (217) 979-2736 or email [tborostormlady@yahoo.com](mailto:tborostormlady@yahoo.com).

### **VILLAGE NOW ACCEPTING ONLINE PAYMENTS FOR WATER BILLS**

In an effort to improve customer service, the Village of Thomasboro announces that residents will now be able to pay water and sewer bills using credit or debit card through the secure Illinois Funds E-Pay online site. Payments may be made using MasterCard, Discover, or American Express; however, Visa is not being accepted at this time.

To use the E-Pay system, customers will need to visit the Village's website (<http://thomasboro.us>) and click on the "E-Pay" link. Once on the site, customers will need to enter their 8-digit water account number found in the upper left corner of the water and sewer bill card (e.g. 100100.10). If you don't

have your bill available or need to verify the balance due, please contact the Water Department at 643-2675. Please note that credit or debit card payments can only be made using the E-Pay site; the Village is not able to accept cards in person at Village Hall.

Residents are also reminded that the Village offers the convenient Direct Debit option for water and sewer payments. If you participate in Direct Debit, the full amount of your monthly bill will be automatically deducted from your bank checking account on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of each month. For more information or to sign up for Direct Debit, please stop by or call Village Hall at 643-2675.

## **SPRING COMMUNITY CLEANUP DAY – MAY 16**

The Village Board has set our seasonal Community Cleanup for Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00am to noon. The Village has been working very hard to clean up our community, and this is an opportunity for residents to help us in our goal of making Thomasboro more attractive for residents and visitors alike. Dumpsters will be located at the water plant at 606 W. Central Avenue. This program is open to all Thomasboro residents, and participants will be required to show a current driver's license with a Village of Thomasboro address. Once again, we will be asking participants for a freewill donation to help defray the costs of having the dumpsters and recycling semi-trailer on site. Village officials will be monitoring the dumpsters, as there are a few items which will not be permitted (including, but not necessarily limited to: hazardous chemicals, paint, automobiles, tires, tree limbs, yard waste, batteries, electronics, and raw garbage. No one is allowed to leave anything at the site before May 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am or after the dumpsters have been filled and covered. Trustees ask that you enter the parking lot from the Schluter Street side and exit onto Central.

## **SPRING TOWN SALES TO BE HELD JUNE 6**

This year, Village leaders have decided to hold our community garage/yard sales in conjunction with the Street Dance weekend on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. The Village will advertise for the event; however, you may place advertisements for your own sales as well. Participating households are encouraged to mark their garage/yard sales with balloons or signs attached to your mailboxes or lamp posts to help draw attention to your sale.

## **THOMASBORO COMMUNITY BUILDING NEWS**

TIA meetings are held the last Thursday evening of each month, starting with dinner at 6:30pm and meeting following. New members are always welcome; annual membership is asked each year. Consider joining us – it's a great way to meet new friends and get involved in community events! To leave a phone message at the Community Building, please call 643-2220.

If you are interested in renting the building, please contact Ronda Scott at 643-7472 to schedule your birthday, anniversary parties, reunions, business meetings, wedding receptions, etc. The hall can accommodate up to 240 guests.



For emergencies and crimes in progress, call **9-1-1**.  
Use **(217) 333-8911** for non-emergency situations.

## **THOMASBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT**

### **THOMASBORO POLICE MONITORING SCHOOL ZONES**

The Thomasboro Police Department will be monitoring school zones, and wants to remind drivers to be watchful of school students. Police will monitor for: violations of school speed zones, using a cellular device in a school zone, passing stopped school buses, and disobeying school crossing guards.

Chief Keith Willis recommends that motorists give themselves a little bit of extra time on the roads and pay close attention while driving – with the approaching warmer weather there will be an increased number of children walking or riding bicycles to school.

### **NEW SPEED LIMITS!!**

The Thomasboro Police Department reminds all drivers that the posted speed limit on village streets and roadways is now 25mph, with the exception of Central Avenue which is now 30mph.

### **VACATION SECURITY CHECKS**

The Thomasboro Police Department offers vacation security checks to all Thomasboro residents. While you are away on vacation, officers from the police department will periodically stop by your home to check for open doors, broken windows or any other suspicious circumstances. This is another added security precaution you can utilize to safeguard your possessions and assure your peace of mind while you enjoy your time away. This is a free, but invaluable service provided by the Thomasboro Police Department to our citizens. Please stop by Village Hall and complete a vacation security request form to take advantage of this service.

### **CODE ENFORCEMENT**

*YOUR VILLAGE*

*YOUR COMMUNITY*

*KEEP IT SAFE & CLEAN*

Code compliance deals with a range of neighborhood issues from inoperable motor vehicles parked in yards and driveways, to health and sanitation – which include garbage, trash and public appearance. Other issues related to the code enforcement officer are weeds and foliage control.

Should the code enforcement officer see a violation on a resident's property, a letter will be sent to the resident outlining the issue and a copy of the ordinance will be included, along with information on what the resident needs to do to come into compliance.

The goal of code enforcement is maintaining the quality of life in your neighborhood. Residents can do their part by observing community standards and neighbor-friendly items.

## **SPECIAL SECTION – STREET DANCE WEEKEND EVENTS**

**June 5 – 6, 2015**

### **ACTIVITIES IN THE PARK**

On Friday, June 5, DJ Kris Ehler will be at West Side Park, playing at the pavilion from 6:00pm to 8:30pm. We will also be serving FREE hot dogs, drinks and popcorn. Please come out and enjoy a nice evening in the park with the family!

On Saturday, June 6, along with the BBQ Cook-off and Vendor Market in West Side Park (see details below), there will be games for kids, face painting, and bouncy houses. We will have Chester's BBQ serving food, so when you smell all that smoky good BBQ coming from the park, come on down and get yourself some after all the sales in town.

### **CHANGING THE FLAVOR OF THOMASBORO – AND THE FLAVOR IS BBQ!**

As part of our Day in the Park and Street Dance celebration, we will be having a BBQ Cook-off on Saturday, June 6. This is a serious competition and we will have judges from local BBQ establishments as well as certified KCBS judges conducting the competition. There will be judging in two categories: Ribs and Chicken. Each entry will be \$15.00 (total of \$30.00 to enter in both categories). Trophies will be given to the First and Second place entries in both categories, with cash purse and trophy being awarded to the overall champion.

Check-in time will be from 7:00am to 8:00am on June 6, with meat check at 8:00am. All meat must be packaged prior to the start of the competition. Turn-in times for judging will be 1:00pm for chicken and 2:00pm for ribs. Awards will be announced at approximately 3:30pm. Preregistration is encouraged. More information is available on the "Thomasboro, IL Sesquicentennial" Facebook page. Any questions concerning competition details should be directed to Lucas Schoonover by email to [Schoony78@yahoo.com](mailto:Schoony78@yahoo.com).

### **FIRST ANNUAL VENDOR/CRAFT FAIR**

On Saturday, June 6, West Side Park will host our first annual craft and vendor fair. Each vendor/crafter will be provided a 10ft x 10ft space to showcase their products from 10:00am to 4:00pm. If you are interested in signing up for the fair or would like additional information, please contact Jane Sprandel at [jsprandel@illiniradio.com](mailto:jsprandel@illiniradio.com) or call 217-778-6796.

### **FRIDAY EVENING 5K FUN RUN/WALK**

On Friday, June 5, the annual 5K Run/Walk will be held to support the Thomasboro Grade School. Registration that night will be from 6:00pm to 6:45pm, with the race beginning at 7:00pm. Sign-up forms are available at Thomasboro Grade School, Thomasboro Post Office, included in this newsletter, or by contacting Jane Sprandel. If you would like to be guaranteed a t-shirt, Jane will need your completed registration **by May 15<sup>th</sup>**. Those interested in volunteering can also contact Jane to assist with the race. Route maps will be posted soon – if you live along the route, please come out and encourage our runners and walkers! For more information, please call Jane at 217-778-6796.

## **SATURDAY NIGHT STREET DANCE**

On Saturday evening, the fun moves over to Main Street for the annual street dance. Gates open at 4:00pm, with Marvin Lee starting the entertainment at the TIA Hall from 5:00pm to 6:30pm. From 8:30pm to 11:30pm, the Boat Drunks will take the stage under the tent. The Thomasboro Firefighters will be selling pulled pork sandwiches, chicken sandwiches and French fries inside the TIA Hall. Entrance at the gate will be limited to adults 21 and older with a valid ID.

## **JAY ARNOLD RETIREMENT OPEN HOUSE – MAY 3**

The Village will be hosting an open house to honor Jay Arnold on Sunday, May 3 from 12:00pm to 4:00pm at the TIA Hall. Not only has Jay been a lifelong resident of Thomasboro, he has also served our community for 36 years as our Public Works Superintendent. There will be a light lunch of pulled pork, baked beans, cole slaw, and chips. Cake and coffee will also be served. Please take some time out of your day to stop by and thank Jay for his years of service, hard work and dedication that he has shown the Village, and wish him well in his much-deserved retirement.

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### **-----COMMUNITY CALENDAR-----**

**MAY**            3 – Jay Arnold Retirement Open House, 12:00pm to 4:00pm  
                     4 – Village Board Meeting, 7:00pm  
                     16 – Community Cleanup Day, 8:00am to 12:00pm  
                     25 – Memorial Day, Village offices closed

**JUNE**            1 – Village Board Meeting, 7:00pm  
                     5 – Evening in the Park, 5:00pm to 9:00pm  
                     5 – 5k Fun Run/Walk, 7:00pm  
                     6 – Town Sales  
                     6 – Vendor & Craft Fair, 10:00am to 4:00pm  
                     6 – BBQ Cookoff, 8:00am to 3:00pm  
                     6 – Street Dance, 4:00pm to 11:30pm

**JULY**            6 – Village Board Meeting, 7:00pm

**AUGUST**        3 – Village Board Meeting, 7:00pm

**SEPTEMBER**    7 – Labor Day, Village offices closed  
                     8 – Village Board Meeting, 7:00pm

Thomasboro Craft/Vendor Show June 6<sup>th</sup> 2015

**Booth Space**

10' x 10 (\$25.00) \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to:**

Thomasboro Street Dance    Memo Line please write: Craft/Vendor Show

**Return signed contract and check to:**

Jane Sprandel  
PO Box 144  
Thomasboro, IL  
61878

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Products: \_\_\_\_\_

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I hereby consent to the rules and regulations stated in the contract. By signing this contract, I understand and agree to follow all rules set forth. I do hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Thomasboro Street Dance and their respective officers, agents, members, and employees of any sponsoring organization and underwriters, individually, or collectively, from all fines, penalties, liabilities, losses, claims, damages, and expenses including court costs and attorney's fees incurred or suffered as a result or relating to my participation in the event known as the Thomasboro Street Dance Craft/Vendor Show to be held on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Office Use Only**

Date Received:

Check #:

Space #:

Notes:

**Thomasboro 5K Fun Run/Walk  
West Side Park Thomasboro, IL  
June 5, 2015 7:00PM**



- **Race day registration from 6-6:45 pm**
- **5K begins at 7:00pm rain or shine at Westside Park!**
- **No bicycles, pets, motor driven vehicles, roller skates or roller blades allowed.**
- **Entry fee is \$20 for the 5K. Entry fee and registration form must be received by May 15, 2015 to receive a shirt.**
- ***For those wanting just a t-shirt, the price is the same as the race entry fee.***
- **Entries received the day of the event are not guaranteed a shirt. We will not be ordering extra shirts after the initial order.**
- **Awards presented to the top three male and female runners in the 5K.**
- **Mail non-refundable payment and entry form to Jane Sprandel, %Pack the Park 5K, P.O. Box 144, Thomasboro, IL 61878.**
- **Makes checks payable to: Thomasboro PTO.**
- **All proceeds to benefit the Thomasboro Grade School PTO for Student and Teacher needs for upcoming school year.**



**THOMASBORO GRADE SCHOOL**

TEAR OFF HERE

***One entrant per form***

Name \_\_\_\_\_ 5K \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt Only \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name and Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Shirt Size (circle one)      S      M      L      XL      XXL

Kids' Shirt Size (circle one)      S      M      L      XL

Birthday (month/day/year): \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Age on race day: \_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the event? \_\_\_\_\_

Waiver: All entrants must sign in. I know that running or walking a road race is a potentially hazardous activity. By signing, I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators waive all of my rights for damages I may have against the Village of Thomasboro, Thomasboro Grade School, Thomasboro PTO, the directors, the Board members, staff members, organizers, sponsors, supervisors, volunteers and their representatives for all injuries sustained by me in this event. I attest and verify that I am physically fit and able to participate in this event.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent /guardian if under 18 years of age)

## **THOMASBORO VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

### **VILLAGE PRESIDENT**

Brad Morris – tboro.brad@gmail.com

### **VILLAGE TREASURER**

Leon Albers – treasurer@thomasboro.us

### **POLICE CHIEF**

Keith Willis – kwillis@thomasboro.us

### **OFFICE MANAGER/WATER DEPT**

Karen Eller – keller@thomasboro.us

## **TRUSTEES**

### **POLICE AND SAFETY**

Joe Wilson – joewilson310@yahoo.com

### **BUILDING PERMIT & LIQUOR LICENSE**

Anna Martin – annamartin1107@gmail.com

### **HEALTH, SANITATION & PUBLIC RELATIONS**

Anthony Grilo – tonygrilo@gmail.com

### **WATERWORKS & SEWER**

Jeff Robertson – jeff052013@yahoo.com

### **VILLAGE CLERK**

Jeremy Reale – clerk@thomasboro.us

### **PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT**

Vacant – publicworks@thomasboro.us

### **ESDA**

Laurel Zook – tborostormlady@yahoo.com

### **STREETS & ALLEYS**

Kyle Henegar – khenegar88@gmail.com

### **CIVIL DEFENSE & PARKS**

Kim Ratts – mkratts5@yahoo.com

### **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Bill Kurth – bobk58@aol.com